

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Independent Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claims 13-15 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-12 and Claim 16 remain pending.

35 U.S.C. Section 102(a) Rejections

Paragraphs 1-2 of the above referenced Office Action rejects Claims 1-8 and 9-12 as being anticipated by DeFrasne et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,603,629 (hereafter DeFrasne) under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b). Applicants respectfully traverse. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 6 to more particularly point out aspects of the present invention. Consequently, Applicants respectfully assert that the present invention as recited in amended independent Claims 1 and 6 is not anticipated by the DeFrasne reference.

With respect to independent Claim 1, Claim 1 discloses an apparatus for holding a SIM (subscriber identification module) card for a personal digital assistant, and has been amended to recite in part:

a PCB (printed circuit board) within a housing of the personal digital assistant;

a SIM connector mounted on the PCB, the SIM connector configured to electrically connect the SIM card to the PCB when the SIM card is engaged with the SIM connector; and

a SIM card door for releasably holding the SIM card, the SIM card door configured to move the SIM card into engagement with the SIM connector when in a closed position.

The claimed invention explicitly recites a personal digital assistant. The claimed invention explicitly recites a SIM card door for a personal digital assistant. As recited in amended Claim 1, a PCB (printed circuit board) is included within a housing of a personal digital assistant. A SIM connector is mounted on the PCB and is configured to electrically

connect the SIM card to the PCB when the SIM card door is in a closed position.

DeFransne does not show or suggest a personal digital assistant having a SIM card door as recited in Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claims 1 and 6 is not anticipated by DeFransne within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102.

Paragraph 3-4 of the above referenced Office Action rejects Claims 6, 13-14, and 16 as being anticipated by Tu, U.S. Patent No. 6,424,118 (hereafter Tu). Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 6 to more particularly point out aspects of the present invention. Consequently, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention as recited in amended independent Claims 1 and 6 is not anticipated by the Tu reference.

With respect to Claim 6, Claim 6 has been amended to recite in part:

a device housing of the personal digital assistant containing the PCB;
a SIM card door rotatably attached to the device housing, the SIM card door configured to releasably hold the SIM card; and
a SIM connector mounted on the PCB, the SIM connector configured to electrically connect a SIM card to the PCB when the SIM card door swings the SIM card into engagement with the SIM connector by rotating into a closed position.

The claimed invention explicitly recites a personal digital assistant. The claimed invention explicitly recites a SIM card door for the personal digital assistant. As recited in Claim 6, a device housing of the personal digital assistant contains the PCB, with the SIM card

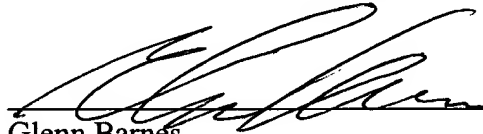
door rotatably attached to the device housing. The SIM connector configured to electrically connect a SIM card to the PCB when the SIM card door swings the SIM card into engagement with the SIM connector by rotating into a closed position. Tu does not show or suggest a personal digital assistant having a SIM card door as recited in Claim 6. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claim 6 is not anticipated by Tu within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102.

CONCLUSION

All remaining claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for holding a SIM (subscriber identification module) card for a personal digital assistant [an electronic device] , comprising:

a SIM card;

a PCB (printed circuit board) within a housing of the personal digital assistant;

a SIM connector mounted on the PCB, the SIM connector configured to electrically connect the SIM card to the PCB when the SIM card is engaged with the SIM connector; and

a SIM card door for releasably holding the SIM card, the SIM card door configured to move the SIM card into engagement with the SIM connector when in a closed position.

6. (Amended) A SIM card door apparatus for holding a SIM (subscriber identification module) card for a personal digital assistant [an electronic device], comprising:

a PCB (printed circuit board);

a device housing of the personal digital assistant containing the PCB;

a SIM card door rotatably attached to the device housing, the SIM card door configured to releasably hold the SIM card; and

a SIM connector mounted on the PCB, the SIM connector configured to electrically connect a SIM card to the PCB when the SIM card door swings the SIM card into engagement with the SIM connector by rotating into a closed position.

Please cancel Claims 13-15 without prejudice.